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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. 25X1

TOPIC Military Information from Ruegen Island

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DATE OF CONTENT 19 June to 1 July 1952

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- 25X1 [redacted] 1. On 1 July 1952, numerous tents and low wooden buildings, guarded by sentries wearing red bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia and AT insignia, were seen among the ruins of the former NSDAP resort installation in the restricted area west of the Binz (N 55/P 85)-Neumukran road. About 150 trucks were noticed near these tents and low wooden buildings. Eleven new trucks [redacted] 25X1

25X1 [redacted] were being used for driver's training by soldiers wearing red bordered black epaulets. Jeep [redacted] truck 25X1

25X1 [redacted] carrying 25 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and sedan [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] passed through the restricted area. New improvised firing ranges for infantry weapons, about 200 meters long and 8 meters wide, were seen in the woods west of the camp. (1) Source saw that the Lietzow-Prora-Binz railroad line which had been reconstructed was in operation.
2. In mid-June, source determined that the barracks area south of the Sassnitz-Sagard road, the buildings of which had been blasted, was being cleared by groups of laborers. Seven to 8 buildings resembling barracks buildings, whose frames were completed, were being erected north of the previous buildings, about 1,000 meters south of the road and 2,000 meters west of the outskirts of Sassnitz. Source stated that these new buildings had nothing to do with the new fishing villages near Sassnitz. (2)
- 25X1 3. On 22 June, the Granitz (N 55/P 85) hunting castle was occupied by troops. Motor vehicle [redacted] was seen with the unit. An acquaintance of source stated that the tanks stationed on Ruegen Island were in the area of Prora. [redacted] 25X1

25X1 [redacted] imprints of track-laying vehicles. (3)
- 25X1 4. On 20 June, [redacted] a railroadman in Bergen that during the night of 18 June a train carrying tanks passed through Bergen, coming from the north and proceeding south (4) On 20 June, about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets who had arrived by rail in Bergen in early June 1952 without vehicles or guns, were quartered in a low wooden building referred to as the typhus isolation building and in tents nearby on the northeast edge of Bergen. Troops receiving individual training with and without weapons were seen in the surrounding park. [redacted] 25X1

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5. On 19 June, large quantities of boards and building sections were stored at the Bergen railroad station and were picked up by trucks [Redacted]. [Redacted] Railroad personnel stated that Bergen was only lightly occupied by troops and that other troops were in the woods south of Bergen. (6)

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[Redacted] Comments.

- (1) The camp mentioned possibly is the camp near Prora which is known from previous reports and, [Redacted] is occupied by units of the 4th AT Arty Brig (US). [Redacted]
- (2) It is credible that permanent barracks installations are under construction there. It is undetermined whether these installations are for Soviet troops or Volkspolizei.
- (3) The Grenitz hunting castle is southeast of Binz. [Redacted] the castle is occupied by a tank unit of the 6th Gds Tank Div. This is the first indication that units of this division are stationed on Ruegen island.
- (4) According to the direction indicated, probably only a local shipment on Ruegen Island.
- (5) No previous information has been received of a train bound for Bergen in early June 1952. The motor vehicle [Redacted] seen in Bergen belong to the 4th AT Arty Brig (US), the 31st AAA Div, the 5th Hvy Tank Bn Regt of the 14th Gds Recz Div, the Hq Second Gds Recz Army, the GCPG with headquarters and the 56th Motor Trans Regt of the GCPG.
- (6) The building section were hauled by a truck of the 4th AT Arty Brig. (US)

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